



Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
Division of Water Resources
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Public Participation Opportunities

Public Notice M2013-17

September 24, 2013

Last Day to Submit Comments: October 28, 2013

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment.

Individual NPDES Permits

Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuance

Applicant	TIACME LLC
Facility	Rex Mine
NPDES Permit Number	TN0052027
County	Campbell
Street Address	5289 Stinking Creek
City	Pioneer
Zip	37847
Description of Activity	Underground mine with coal washing and processing
Receiving Stream	Stinking Creek
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water
Facility Latitude	36°27'49"
Facility Longitude	84°13'29 "
Permit Writer	MES

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant	Aggregates USA (Elizabethton) LLC
Facility	Elizabethton Quarry
NPDES Permit Number	TN0068977
County	Carter
Street Address	210 Judge Ben Allen Road
City	Elizabethton
Zip	37643
Description of Activity	Limestone quarry and processing facility
Receiving Stream	Davis Branch
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water
Facility Latitude	36°22'54.3"
Facility Longitude	82°10'57.3"
Permit Writer	BWE

Applicant	Vulcan Construction Materials LP
Facility	Columbia Quarry
NPDES Permit Number	TN0004171
County	Maury
Street Address	580 Theta Pike
City	Columbia
Zip	38401
Description of Activity	Limestone quarry and processing facility
Receiving Stream	Rutherford Creek
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water
Facility Latitude	35°39'40"
Facility Longitude	87°01'05"
Permit Writer	BWE

Non-Coal Proposed Modification/Reissuance

Applicant	Rogers Group Inc.
Facility	Cowan Quarry
NPDES Permit Number	TN0066311
County	Franklin
Street Address	221 Rogers Group Road
City	Cowan
Zip	37318
Description of Activity	Limestone quarry and processing facility with asphalt plant
Receiving Stream	Unnamed tributary to Boiling Fork Creek
Effluent Description	Treated wastewater and storm water
Facility Latitude	35°09'20"
Facility Longitude	86°00'25"
Permit Writer	BWE

How to Comment:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is requesting public comment on these permit actions. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on these proposed actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the above letterhead address, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax (865) 594-6105 or by e-mail Gary.Mullins@tn.gov. The Division must receive your comments before the close of the comment period (see page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Resources hold a public hearing on any application. The Division must receive your request before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons for the hearing. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, the Division will hold a hearing in accordance to *Rule 1200-04-05-.06 (12)*. A separate public notice will announce the public hearing.

How the Department Will Proceed:

The Director of the Division of Water Resources will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details:

Draft permits contain Antidegradation Determinations and Rationales that address information concerning the foundation for the Division's decisions. Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are in the permit files maintained at the Mining Section's office located at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. Please email Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review.

Permit Writers

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State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is in *Rule 1200-04-03-.06* of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the Antidegradation Policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near-pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) receive the greatest level of protection. The Water Resources Board, Oil and Gas designates these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality.

The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Waters (ETWs) and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non-Exceptional Tennessee Waters refer to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

State of Tennessee Policy of Non-Discrimination

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